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I oppose the Microsoft settlement because I believe it does not do enough to prevent Microsoft from using its dominant position in the OS to put competitors out of business. Look at what they tried to do to Kodak recently. Microsoft originally set up XP so that Kodak digital camera software would not run under XP. Only after Kodak threatened suit did Microsoft back down. Kodak is a large company with legal resources at their disposal, so they are able to fight back against this illegal behavior, but smaller companies might not have that option. Microsoft have behaved like gangsters, using extortion and intimidation to destroy business rivals. They cannot be allowed to continue in this manner, and the settlement does little to rein in their criminal behavior.

Yours,
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